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San Francisco Fire Department Sadly Announces the Loss of a 2nd Critically Injured Member



Lieutenant Vincent A. Perez



FF/PM Anthony M. Valerio

(San Francisco, CA – June 4, 2011) The San Francisco Fire Department sadly announces that Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony M. Valerio succumbed to his injuries this morning, following a house fire in the Diamond Heights neighborhood on June 2, 2011.

“Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio was a dedicated member of the San Francisco Fire Department and of the community,” said Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White. “This has been an extremely difficult time for the members of the San Francisco Department. Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio and Lieutenant Perez’s deaths have left all of our members with heavy hearts, they will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with both the Valerio and Perez families as they grieve their losses.”

Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio, aged 53, was a 27 year veteran employee of the City, serving 13 years with the Department of Public Health and 14 years with the San Francisco Fire Department. Tony grew up in the Bay Area, attending El Camino High School, City College of San Francisco, and San Francisco State University.

San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798 has established Trust Accounts at the San Francisco Fire Credit Union (SFFCU) for the families of Lt. Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio. SFFCU, 3201 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94118, www.sffirecu.org

Funeral services for Lt. Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Valerio are pending at this time.

Condolence messages may be mailed to Fire Station 26, 80 Digby Street, San Francisco, CA 94131.

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